

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are canceled and claims 42 and 43 are amended. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 7, 10-27 and 39-44 will be pending. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-4, 7, 10-27, 40, 41 and 44. Applicant elects Group I without traverse.

As discussed in the August 18, 2005, telephone conference between Applicant's representative and Examiner Holzen, claims 39, which depends from claim 1, should be included in Group I.

As also discussed, claim 42 has been amended to be directed to "an airgun" and to recite "a barrel through which a projectile can be propelled." Thus, claim 42 as amended properly falls within Group I.

Claim 43, which depends from claim 42, has been amended for consistency with claim 42 and thus also falls within Group I.

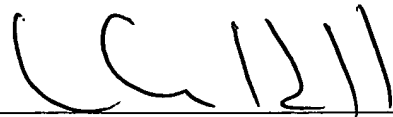
The non-elected Group II claims, i.e., claims 5, 6, 8 and 9, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for economic reasons and to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue these and similar claims in a separate continuing application.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7, 10-27 and 39-44 are believed to be in condition for allowance, as these claims are directed to a single invention and all prior art rejections appear to be overcome. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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